

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

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<b>LEVEL 2 SUPERVISOR:</b>	<b>JUAN JAIME RAMOS</b>	<b>ACTIVITY DATE:</b>	<b>02/16/2018</b>
<b>LEAD INVESTIGATOR:</b>	<b>CODY ALLEN</b>	<b>DATE WRITTEN:</b>	<b>02/26/2018</b>
<b>SUPERVISOR:</b>	<b>DANIEL SARABIA</b>	<b>DATE APPROVED:</b>	<b>03/26/2018</b>
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<b>ACTIVITY TYPE:</b>	<b>ARREST FELONY</b>	<b>SPURS URN:</b>	<b>CMRE50068373</b>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITY:</b>		<b>LEGACY REF:</b>	
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>OPERATION SANDMAN 8 / ONLINE SOLICITATION OF A MINOR &lt;14YO / MIDLAND COUNTY</b>	<b>CASE:</b>	
<b>DIVISION:</b>	<b>CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION</b>	<b>SERVICE:</b>	
<b>REGION:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>DISTRICT:</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>ACTIVITY LOCATION:</b>	<b>TEXAS US - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)</b>	<b>AREA:</b>	<b>02-MIDLAND</b>

**SYNOPSIS**

On 02/16/2018 and 02/17/2018, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Special Agents led a child predator operation "Operation Sandman 8". During the two (2) day operation seven (7) suspects were arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under the age of fourteen (14) after agreeing to meet a thirteen (13) year old female child for sexual conduct.

**DETAILS**

- On 02/16/2018 and 02/17/2018, Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Criminal Investigations Division (CID) Special Agents led a child predator operation "Operation Sandman 8".
- DPS CID Special Agents were assisted by Midland Police Department (MPD), Midland County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics team, Odessa Police Department, Andrews Police Department, Abilene Police Department, Midland County District Attorney's Office, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Permian Basin Human Trafficking response unit (TX RACEHT), DPS Intelligence and Counter Terrorism (ICT) Headquarters (Texas Crimes Against Children), DPS CID Polygraph, DPS Aircraft, DPS Region four (4) Special Response Team, and Texas Highway Patrol.
- On 02/16/2018, SEBASTIAN ALEXANDER ZAPATA was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. ZAPATA confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph MPD Detectives will file the charge of Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age with the Midland County District Attorney's Office and follow up with the investigation of the prior sexual assault. MPD will retain all evidence and charges.
- EDUARDO GALVAN was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. GALVAN confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph GALVAN had met the prior victim on the same classified ads website DPS CID Midland was targeting. MPD Detectives will file the charge of Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age with the Midland County District Attorney's Office and follow up with the investigation of the prior sexual assault. MPD will retain all evidence and charges.
- ALEX ARIEL OLIVAS was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. OLIVAS confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph OLIVAS MPD Detectives will file the charge of Online

Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age with the Midland County District Attorney's Office and follow up with the investigation of the prior sexual assault. MPD will retain all evidence and charges.

6. RANDALL KEITH SPARKMAN was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. SPARKMAN was a registered sex offender. SPARKMAN confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph

For full details see report 2018I-CID4-50021229.S3.

7. On 02/17/2018, SETH AARON PATIN was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. PATIN confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph PATIN

MPD Detectives will file the charge of Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age with the Midland County District Attorney's Office and follow up with the investigation of the prior sexual assault. MPD will retain all evidence and charges.

8. DAVID HEATH WILLIAMS was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. WILLIAMS confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS had met the prior victim on the same classified ads website DPS CID Midland was targeting. MPD Detectives will file the charge of Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age with the Midland County District Attorney's Office and follow up with the investigation of the prior sexual assault. MPD will retain all evidence and charges.

9. WESLEY MICHAEL NICKELL was arrested for Online Solicitation of a Minor under 14 years of age. NICKELL confessed to wanting to meet the child for sexual conduct and during a tactical polygraph NICKELL

Special Agents conducted consent to search of NICKELL'S residence and seized NICKELL'S laptop for forensic analysis. For full details see report 2018I-CID4-50021229.S4.

10. This investigation will continue.

## SUSPECTS

### **Zapata, Sebastian Alexander - Hispanic/Male -**

Hair: Black	Eyes: Hazel	Weight: 175 lbs	Height: 5' 09"
SSN:	SID:		

### **Galvan, Eduardo - Hispanic/Male -**

Hair: Black	Eyes: Brown	Weight: 190 lbs	Height: 5' 07"
SSN:	SID:		

### **OLIVAS, ALEX ARIEL - Hispanic/Male -**

Hair: Brown	Eyes: Brown	Weight: 155 lbs	Height: 5' 08"
SSN:	SID:		

### **Sparkman, Randall KEITH - White/Male -**

Hair: Gray or Partially Gray	Eyes: Green	Weight: 205 lbs	Height: 6' 01"
SSN:	SID:		

### **Patin, Seth Aaron - White/Male -**

Hair: Blond or Strawberry	Eyes: Blue	Weight: 215 lbs	Height: 5' 11"
SSN:	SID:		

### **Williams, David Heath - White/Male -**

Hair:	Eyes:	Weight:	Height:
SSN:	SID:		

### **Nickell, Wesley Michael - White/Male -**

Hair: Brown	Eyes: Green	Weight: 180 lbs	Height: 6' 00"
SSN:	SID:		

## OFFENSES

**ONLINE SOLICITATION OF A MINOR UNDER 14 33.021(f) PC F2**

Midland County, Midland, TX, US

02/16/2018 ( Friday )

*Suspect: Patin, Seth*

*Suspect: Galvan, Eduardo*

*Suspect: Nickell, Wesley*

*Suspect: Zapata, Sebastian*

*Suspect: SPARKMAN, RANDALL*

*Suspect: Williams, David*

*Suspect: OLIVAS, ALEX*

**PERSONNEL**

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